

provisions is a Class IV felony. Failure to report such adult abuse is a Class III misdemeanor. The committee amendments do clarify two important aspects of the bill. First, the committee amendments specifically limit the state from assuming additional financial burdens from the impact of the act. Any of the expense caused by any of the protective services rendered must be borne by a current or existing state or local programs, or by the protected person. Consequently, there is no significant revenue or expenditure impact caused by 463. Second, the committee amendment specifies that a person is to be given protective services under the bill only if other protective services are unavailable or inadequate. Additionally, the amendment changes language to require a 60-day time limit for any case placed under emergency protective services and requires that law enforcement officers be present during the initial on-scene investigation. With that, I would ask your support of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Discussion on the committee amendments. Senator Smith, on the committee amendments. Thank you. Any closing comment? We have no other lights on. Thank you. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 463. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the committee amendments. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The committee amendments to LB 463 are adopted. Back to the bill as amended, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, I want to encourage your support in the advancement of LB 463. This bill is called the Adult Protective Services Act. It deals with a very, very important topic to myself and to many other older citizens and other interested individuals around the state. The problem of adult abuse is one that we are becoming much more aware of around the country. You have heard of the stories and the horror stories in different nursing homes and different family homes of elderly people that have been abused, have been neglected and harmed, and in some cases die from this abuse and neglect. My own interest in this issue surfaced back in 1983 when a case occurred up in my district in northeast Lincoln. It is referred to as the Frey case. An older woman named Eva Caves